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MARCH 24, 2014 – FINAL STAGE DEBRIS REMOVAL CLARITY

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 24, 2014 – The contractor has begun working on the final stage of debris removal. If you have been following news reports and press releases, you are aware that the final day to have debris on the street in order to guarantee pick up was Sunday. All storm-related debris should be on the street now.

Essentially, the final phase began at the Savannah River and will be move south, removing the final debris along each and every street until complete. During this time, the contractor will be deploying tremendous resources into these areas and closing out streets. Once a street is complete, the city's monitoring contractor will perform an inspection by a quality assurance supervisor to insure the street is clean and close it out. Once, this has been performed and the street is declared complete, the contractor will not return.

It should be noted that during the close out period, some smaller loose piles of material that cannot be collected by large contractor equipment should be placed into brown yard bags (also known as kraft bags) for normal collection. These will be picked up by your normal solid waste collection.

It is also, important to remember that as the streets are closed and deemed complete, normal solid waste collection and rules for collection will apply:

- Items should be less than 5-ft in length.
- Loose debris should be containerized in kraft bags or personal containers.
- Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Yard waste is limited to 10 cubic yards.
- Items should be able to be lifted and loaded by man power only

This clean-up has been tedious not only for the citizens but, for city staff as well. We have made tremendous progress since the storm and truly appreciate the patience of our citizens throughout the process. Thankfully, the end is near and, rest assured that every street will be picked up and verified prior to close out.

Please note that this announcement does not apply to streets within the city limits of Hephzibah or along state highways that are maintained by the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT). These entities are performing their own respective clean-up.

Roadways in Richmond County for which Georgia DOT will provide clean-up include: Sand Bar Ferry Road (SR 28), Gordon Highway (SR 10), Jimmie Dyess Parkway (SR 383), Dean's Bridge Road (SR 4), Peach Orchard Road (SR 121), Mike Padgett Highway (SR 56), Robinson Avenue (SR 223), and Highway 88.

Refer to www.augustaga.gov for daily updates and the zone map.